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Frederick County Human Relations Commission to Present Awards at Annual Celebration of Human Rights Achievement Program

FREDERICK - The [Frederick County Human Relations Commission](#) (HRC), a volunteer body that oversees area compliance with discrimination laws, conducts hearings and forums into community issues and works to foster a spirit of multiculturalism in the county, will present Henry L. Templeton Student Excellence Award \$100 “scholarships” to one student from each of the county’s public high schools, one student from Saint John’s Catholic Prep, and one student from the Maryland School for the Deaf.

The HRC will also award an individual with the Theodore W. Stephens Life Time Achievement Award, an individual or organization with the Lord D. Nickens Community Service Award, and a business with the Human Relations Award. [Nominations](#) from the public are welcomed. In 50 words or less, describe why you have submitted the nomination, and which of the three awards the nomination is for. Include your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, as well as that of the nominee. Nominations should be submitted no later than April 1, 2014.

HRC Chair Angela Spencer commented, “Our goal is to showcase for the larger community the often unsung contributions made by Fredericktonians of all ages to enhance community relations and citizen empowerment in Frederick County. We also hope through this annual testimonial and gala to highlight how our 15-person, citizen commission engages, empowers and educates those who strive to work toward better human relations within our beautiful county. This annual event provides an opportunity to celebrate all who serve.”

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The awards will be presented at the HRC's annual Awards Program, April 14, 2014, at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, Md. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. (doors will open at 6:00 p.m.). The theme of this year's program will be "Empowering the Community." The guest speaker will be Debbie Williams, founder of the Patty Pollatos Fund, Inc. Mrs. Williams and her foundation have supported many people in this community without discrimination, supporting equality and justice for all.

The event remains open to reservations. Tickets are \$30 per person, and may be obtained by contacting the Human Relations Department at 301-600-1063. Seating is limited, so please reserve your ticket today.

The Human Relations Commission generally meets the last Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. The meetings are open to the public, and attendance is encouraged.

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